## **PROGRAM**

- 2:00 *Welcoming Comments:* Elizabeth Patterson, 1000 Friends Protecting Historic Benicia.
- 2:05 *Speaker Introductions*: Jerry Hayes, Moderator.
- 2:10 City of Benicia Plans for Benicia Arsenal Historic District.

  Summary of recent decisions of City Council to transform the historic district into a residential neighborhood. Speaker:

  Steven Goetz, Benicia CA, Benicia Arsenal Park Task Force
- 2:15 The Value of Historic Districts. Historic districts are assets to society and can bring rewards to their host community.

  Speaker: Gary Widman, San Francisco, CA. FORMER: 1st Lt.,
  Benicia Arsenal, 1958-59; Professor of Environmental Law, UC Hastings; General Counsel, Council on Environmental Quality,
  Executive Office of the President; Gen. Counsel, Calif Dept. of Parks and Recreation & Office of Historic Preservation;
  Director, Office of Staff Attorneys, US Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit.
- 2:20 Benicia Arsenal in the 19<sup>th</sup> Century: The role of the Benicia Arsenal in events that shaped the city, state and nation. Speaker: Gregory Tilles, Nevada City, CA. Professor Emeritus, Diablo Valley College, board member of the Benicia Historical Society (1988-2020); Historian of the Benicia Historical Society (2014-2020), and resident of an 1870 non-commissioned officer's home on Jefferson Street (1988-2020).
- 2:40 Alternative Future for the Benicia Arsenal Historic District:
  Summary of proposals to develop the Benicia Arsenal as an historic park. Speaker: Steven Goetz, Benicia, CA. Benicia Arsenal Park Task Force.
- 2:45 *Audience Questions:* Jerry Hayes, Moderator.
- 2:55 *Wrap-up:* Elizabeth Patterson, 1000 Friends Protecting Historic Benicia.

## **RELATED TOURS AND ACTIVITIES**

(see map on back of program)

- 3:15 & 4:00: Walking Tour of Officers' Row. Meet at front of Clock Tower.
- 3:15-4:30: *Tour of Historic Homes* at 879 and 891 Jefferson Street.
- Arts Benicia, Commanding Officer's Quarters, 1 Commandant Lane. Exhibits are open until 5:00 pm. Admission is free.
- Benicia Historical Museum, 2060 Camel Road. Open until 4:00 pm, Admission: Adults \$5, Seniors \$3, Children \$2, Active military free with identification.



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